

**MINUTES OF THE DEEP CREEK
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING
January 31, 2003
Deep Creek/Mosby Water Users Office
Lapoint, Utah**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am with Marvin Huber conducting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked for a reading of last year's minutes by John Larsen of the Division of Water Rights. There were no corrections to the minutes, so a motion to accept them as read was made by Martin Huber, seconded by Lance Luck, all approved.

Lee Sim read the financial report, budget expenditures, and delinquent water assessments for 2002. The balance of the distribution funds at the beginning of the year was \$6,544.15, receipts were \$6,039.31, expenditures at \$4,297.99, leaving a balance at the end of the year \$8,285.47. Two accounts were delinquent for a total of \$308.35. River Commissioner Bryan Smith did not turn in vouchers for his travel last year, so no expenditures were made for travel expense. He mentioned he would do this in the upcoming year. A motion was made by Ray Murray to accept the financial report as given, seconded by Martin Huber, the voting was unanimous.

River Commissioner Bryan Smith then gave his report on the activities on the river for 2002. He mentioned there was very little Deep Creek water this past year with just enough for the early priority rights. Wilkerson and Hubers were the only water users who received Deep Creek water this past year.

Mosby Creek water was in better supply and lasted until July 1. Julius Park Reservoir took three weeks to fill. When he did release the water into the canal, due to extremely dry conditions, it took four days to reach the end of the canal as compared to the usual one and a half days. He mentioned there was some rain in August, September and October which helped conditions.

He also mentioned there have been some problems with the measuring devices on the system. He spent one day with Division of Water Rights personnel reviewing and checking the devices. Letters from the Division of Water Rights were sent to those users with devices that needed adjustments or improvements. Bryan stated the water users have been very helpful in getting the devices corrected when needed. He expressed appreciation to all who helped him run the system this past year. A motion was made by Ray Murray to accept the commissioner's report, seconded by Dave Murray, all approved.

Marvin Huber then discussed the budget and assessment for the upcoming year. Lee Sim mentioned the Division of Water Rights will discontinue funding of USGS recording stations on river systems in Utah. The stream gaging station at Logger's Cabin is the only one on this system. It was the consensus of the water users that this station is not needed. Lee also mentioned the State Engineer's assessment this year will be 5.2% of last year's expended budget at \$327.00. After some discussion, a motion was made by Martin Huber to set the budget at \$8,558.00 and the assessment at \$3,000.00. Seconded by Raymond Murray, the voting was unanimous.

Marvin Huber then mentioned the next item of business was the appointment of directors for the upcoming year. A motion was made by Martin Huber to retain the directors as constituted and to vote them in by acclamation, seconded by Dave Murray, all approved.

Raymond Murray then inquired about a letter he received concerning the measuring device for his farm because he does not own the device. Lee stated that the budget, miscellaneous expense line item was set to cover any costs for adjusting the flume. Commissioner Smith was invited to attend the Division of Water Rights Commissioner's Training Seminar on February 20th. He said he would be attending. Dave Murray then asked why Ouray Park and the bottom end of Deep Creek are not part of this system and have no measuring devices. Bob Leake responded that ~~in the past there had been no expansion of irrigated lands in these areas and there had been no need to pursue the matter any further.~~ *OTHER RIGHTS COMPETING FOR THE WATER DURING THE NOW-IRREGATED* When Red Wash Dam comes on line this will be an issue to be of concern. *SEASON SO THERE WAS NO NEED FOR REGULATION.* John Larsen mentioned the snow pack currently is below normal. Snotel stations were as follows: Chepeta at 78 %, LakeFork #1 63%, Brown Duck 63%, Mosby Mtn. 85%, Five Points Lake 64% and Lake Fork Basin 59%.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lance Luck, seconded by Martin Huber, meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Those attending the meeting were as follows:

Name	Representing
Raymond Murray	Deep Creek Water User
James L. Esplin	Mosby Water User
David L. Murray	Deep Creek Water User
Lance Luck	Mosby Water User
John Allred	Deep Creek Water User
John Justice	Mosby Water User
Martin Huber	Deep Creek Water User
Tanya Bullock	Mosby Water User
Bryan Smith	Water Commissioner
Andrew Dutson	Division of Water Rights - Vernal Office
Bob Leake	Division of Water Rights - Vernal Office
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - Salt Lake Office
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights - Salt Lake Office
Marvin Huber	Deep Creek Water User